

HEADLINES:-

- Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill to be introduced in Lok Sabha today.
- Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announces 12-crore rupees public relief campaign for flood affected families in Upper Assam.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma calls for coordinated approach between Assam and Meghalaya to address Guwahati floods.
- Homage paid to martyrs on Kargil Vijay Diwas.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlights north-east in Mann ki Baat broadcast.
- Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla and Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh pay tributes to Kargil heroes.
- Youth and administrative officials across Tripura participate in series of key national events.

EXAM:

The government will introduce the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, in the Lok Sabha today. The Bill seeks to amend the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024. It will be introduced by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh. On Friday, the Union Cabinet had approved a draft Bill to set up fast-track courts and to ensure stricter punishment in cases of paper leaks and exam malpractices.

CHARGE:

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi yesterday assumed charge as the education minister. He was given the charge following the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan. Mr Joshi also continues to hold the portfolios of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and New and Renewable Energy. Mr Joshi chaired a review meeting of the Education Ministry to assess the implementation of various schemes and key initiatives.

ASSAM:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday announced a 12-crore rupees public relief campaign for families affected by floods in Upper Assam. Mr Sarma said the drive will provide 'mekhela sador' for women and essentials like T-shirts and sportswear for others, to supplement government relief work. He appealed to people to donate through the BJP state office or his official Facebook and X accounts. Bank details will be shared soon. The flood toll in Assam has risen to 66, with over 6.54 lakh people affected. Water levels are now receding in several districts.

APPROACH:

Amid Guwahati's recurring flood challenges, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma has called for a coordinated approach between the two neighbouring states to address the issue. He said both Assam and Meghalaya would work together to identify practical, long-term solutions to minimise the impact of flooding. Addressing a press conference in Imphal, Mr Sangma described the flood situation as a matter of concern. The issue has multiple dimensions and requires a comprehensive assessment before effective measures can be taken, he underscored.

KARGIL:

President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President C P Radhakrishnan, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes yesterday to soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the Kargil War on Kargil Vijay Diwas. The day marks the 27th anniversary of India's victory over Pakistan in the conflict and the successful conclusion of Operation Vijay. Prime Minister Modi said the soldiers' courage under the most challenging conditions will forever remain a source of national pride and continue to inspire generations. Home Minister Amit Shah and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla paid tributes to the soldiers who laid down their lives in defence of the motherland during Operation Vijay in 1999.

TRIPURA:

The 27th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas was observed in Kailashahar along with other places in Tripura yesterday. A tribute ceremony at Kargil Corner near RGM Hospital was organised by the Indian Ex-Servicemen League and Kailashahar Municipal Council. The event featured floral tributes and a two-minute silence in honour of the martyrs. Soldiers of the 28 Assam Rifles Battalion offered a ceremonial salute.

IMPHAL

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla and Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh led others in paying heartfelt tributes to Kargil heroes at Manipur State Film Development Society premises in Imphal yesterday. Mr Bhalla also paid homage to the 'Veer Nari' and 'Veer Mata', whose strength, resilience and sacrifices remain an enduring source of inspiration for the country. Highlighting Manipur's rich legacy of service in the Indian Armed Forces, he encouraged the youth to draw inspiration from the nation's brave soldiers and dedicate themselves to serving the country with discipline, commitment and patriotism. Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh said that during the Kargil War which lasted for 78 days, five brave soldiers from Manipur made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. He appealed to the people of Manipur to work together with a sense of shared responsibility and collective commitment towards building a stronger and more developed nation.

DIET:

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh yesterday inaugurated the newly constructed District Institute of Education and Training Building and a newly built Ima Market (women's market) at Salam Village in Imphal West district. The Union Ministry of Education has approved the establishment of sixteen DIET Centres in Manipur with one centre to be set up in each of the state's sixteen districts. At present, nine DIET Centres are functional while remaining centres are at various stages of completion and operationalisation. Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh expressed confidence that Salam would see significant development in the near future.

MANIPUR:

Manipur's young astrophysicist Ronaldo Laishram's name shined in yesterday's 'Mann Ki Baat' episode when Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded his effort in a team that discovered a massive cluster of young galaxies. The entire cluster was named the 'Loktak Proto-cluster' which reflects his deep connection to his roots. The Prime Minister said that Laishram is someone actively working in the fields of science and innovation and gaining global recognition. The young astrophysicist working in Japan, remains deeply connected to his roots. Ronaldo Laishram is presently working at the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan.

YOUTH:

Youth and administrative officials across several districts of Tripura participated in a series of key national events yesterday, centered around Prime Minister Narendra Modi's virtual interaction with volunteers of the 'Vibrant Villages Programme' under the MY Bharat initiative. In Sepahijala district, youth volunteers gathered at the District Magistrate's office in Bishramganj to watch the live interaction aimed at the holistic development and empowerment of border villages. Additional District Magistrate Subhash Dutta highlighted that such initiatives showcase the culture and heritage of border areas while building awareness among the youth. Similar virtual broadcasts were organized at the District Magistrate offices in Unakoti, Khowai, and West Tripura. Senior administrative officials joined dozens of selected youth to witness the event. The participants were inspired to contribute toward transforming border communities into the 'first villages' of a developed India.

AGARTALA

Tripura Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu listened to the 136th episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat at the auditorium of Bardowali Higher Secondary School in Agartala yesterday. The Governor noted that the Prime Minister emphasized key issues such as water conservation, healthcare, environmental protection, skill development and social service. Referring to the 'Jal Hi Jeevan' campaign, he said around 300 families in a village of Dhalai district have set an example through active participation in water conservation. He also highlighted the success of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana and urged students to uphold patriotism, discipline and public service while contributing to a developed, self-reliant and drug-free India.

FOLK:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during the latest episode of his popular radio programme Mann Ki Baat, highlighted the remarkable contribution of renowned folk artist Suraj Kumar Debbarma in preserving, promoting, and popularising Chongpreng, Tripura's traditional three-stringed bamboo musical instrument. The Chongpreng is an integral part of Tripura's indigenous folk culture and represents the state's rich cultural identity. It also stands as a symbol of India's diverse and vibrant cultural heritage. This is not the first time that Tripura's unique traditions and cultural legacy have found a place in Mann Ki Baat. Through the Prime Minister's continued recognition, the state's cultural heritage has gained wider national and international visibility, bringing greater appreciation and pride to the people of Tripura.
